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In re Application of

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For: **HCaRG, A Novel Calcium-Regulated Gene Coding for a Nuclear Protein**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002. Claims 1-23 are currently pending and stand rejected. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any required fees. Appendix I is a marked-up version of the claims to show the changes made.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, 11, 15, and 16. Please add new claims 24-29.

1. (Amended) A purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a mammalian Hypertension-Related Calcium-Regulated Gene (HCaRG).

2. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule as defined in claim 1, having the sequence set out in SEQ ID No. 1, or its complementary strand.

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